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Staff meeting.

I saw Reed Harris about IIA matters.

Afterwards, Dr. Milliken, Director of CENIS, came to see me. I had previously discussed the studies of this group with Walt Rostow, and think it important it should continue its activities, which are in the nature of long-range planning.

Tommy Corcoran called on me and revived his old desire that the United States Government acquire the publishing properties of the Dupuy family, or at least assist in such acquisition. I told him that personally I was opposed to this, as I always have been, since, first, the ownership by our Government of such a newspaper would inevitably become known, and, second, even if it were acquired and policies friendly to the United States were advocated by it, it would have little influence on the political course of events in France.

John Ferguson discussed with me various proposals for dinners, et cetera, to say farewell to Dean.

This afternoon Gordon Arneson took up AEC questions.

Then I saw Cavendish Cannon, who talked about his work on the Selection Board.

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My old friend George Villiers, head of European Industries and head of the French Patronat, came to see me. He regards with a certain amount of optimism the economic situation in France, and is not as much concerned as many of his countrymen over the anti-American sentiment there.

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Nelson Slater came to see me with Mary Louise de Croy, whom he is

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is extremely pretty and attractive and has been working for the last three and a half years at the Morgan Library in New York. She is a first cousin of Henry Hyde.

We all went out to see Evangeline and the children, [redacted] then they took a train to Aiken.

Tonight we gave a dinner at Blair House for the following: the Minister of Luxembourg and Madame le Gallais, the William McChesney Martins, the Robert Woods Blisses, the de Largentayes, the Arthur Gardners, Mrs. Frank Wisner and Miss Earle.

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